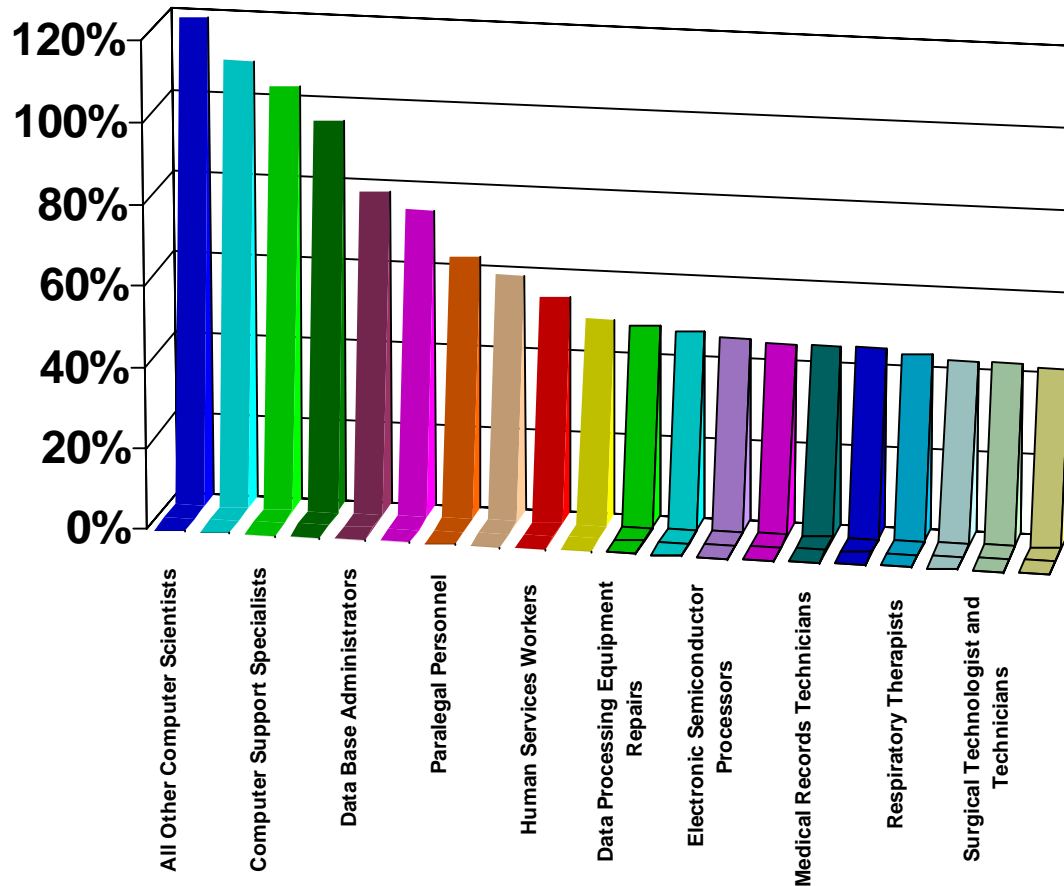


DANTES Certification Programs Update

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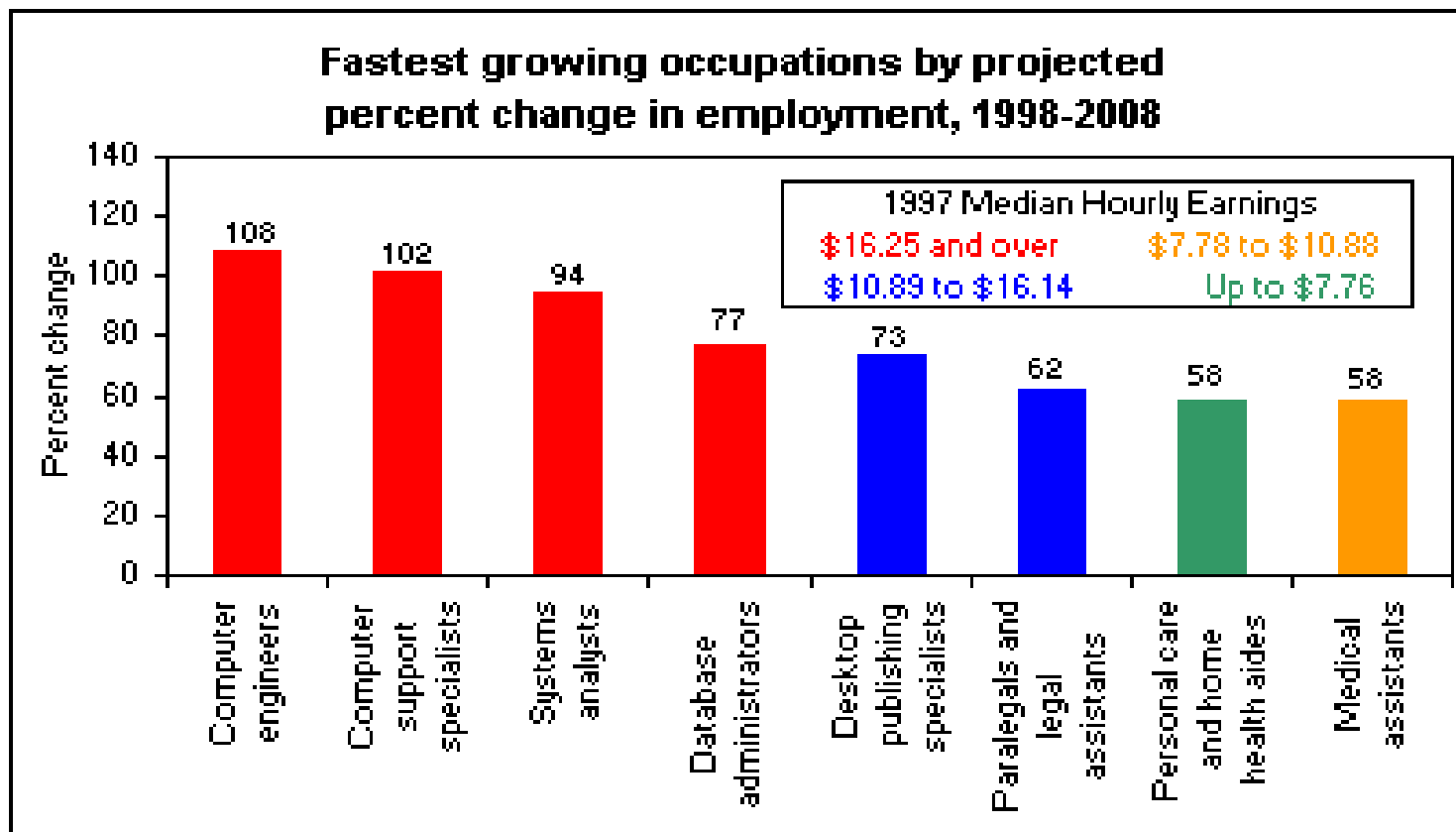
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Fastest Growing Occupations According to U. S. Dept. of Labor - America's Career InfoNet



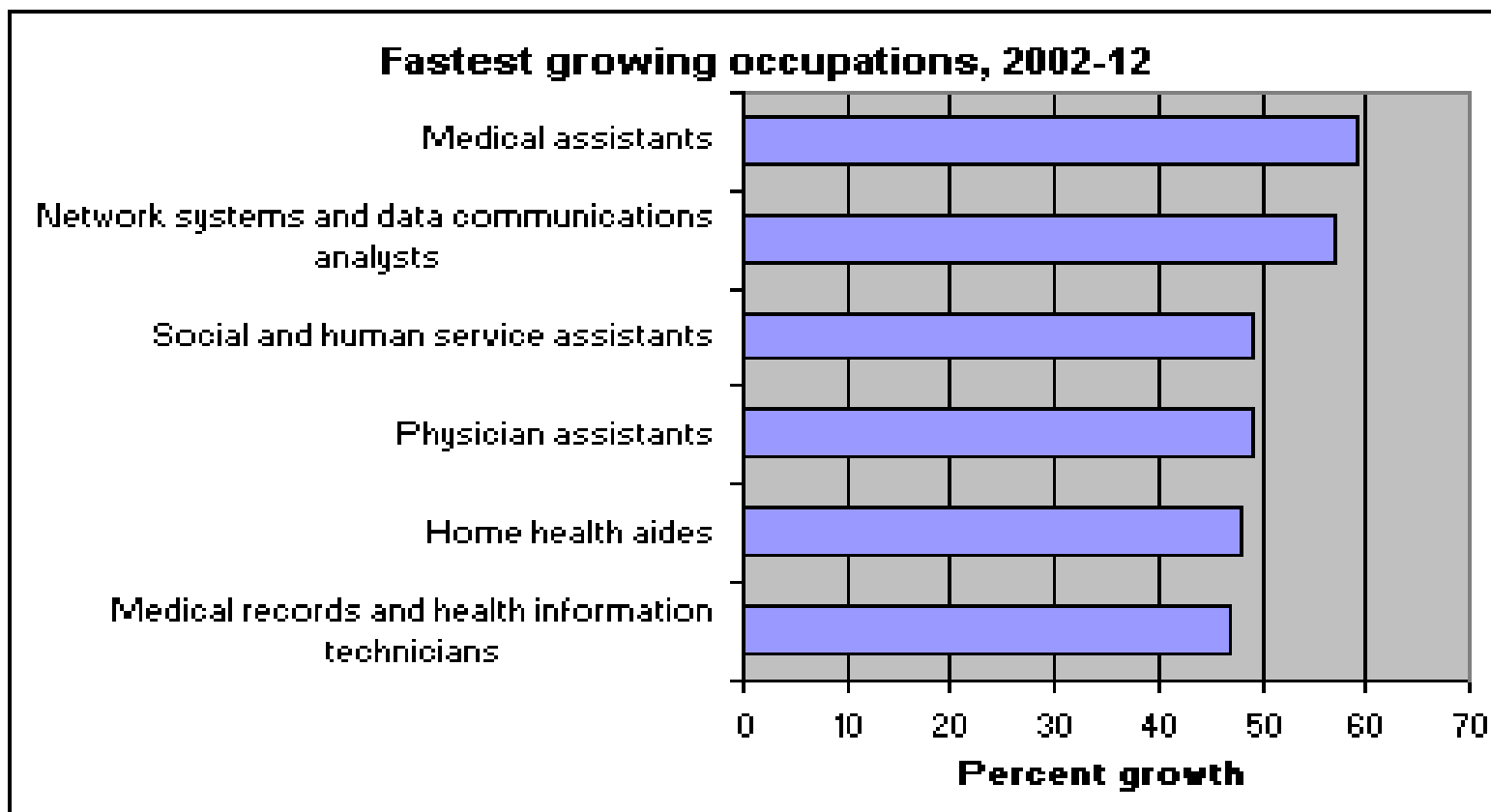
- All Other Computer Scientists
- Computer Engineers
- Computer Support Specialists
- Systems Analysts, Elec Data Processing
- Data Base Administrators
- Electronic Pagination System Operators
- Paralegal Personnel
- Medical Assistants
- Human Services Workers
- Physician Assistants
- Data Processing Equipment Repairs
- Residential Counselors
- Electronic Semiconductor Processors
- Engineering, Mathematical, and Sciences Mgrs.
- Medical Records Technicians
- Physical and Corrective Therapy Assistants and Aides
- Respiratory Therapists
- Dental Assistants
- Surgical Technologist and Technicians
- Dental Hygienists

Fastest Growing Occupations by Projected % Change Through 2008



Bureau of Labor and Statistics - <http://www.bls.gov>

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What is Certification and Licensure?

- Competence
 - Expertise
 - Knowledge
 - Specialization
 - Experience in a particular field occupation
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- Licensure – Mandated by State or Federal Laws “to safeguard the public from harm.”

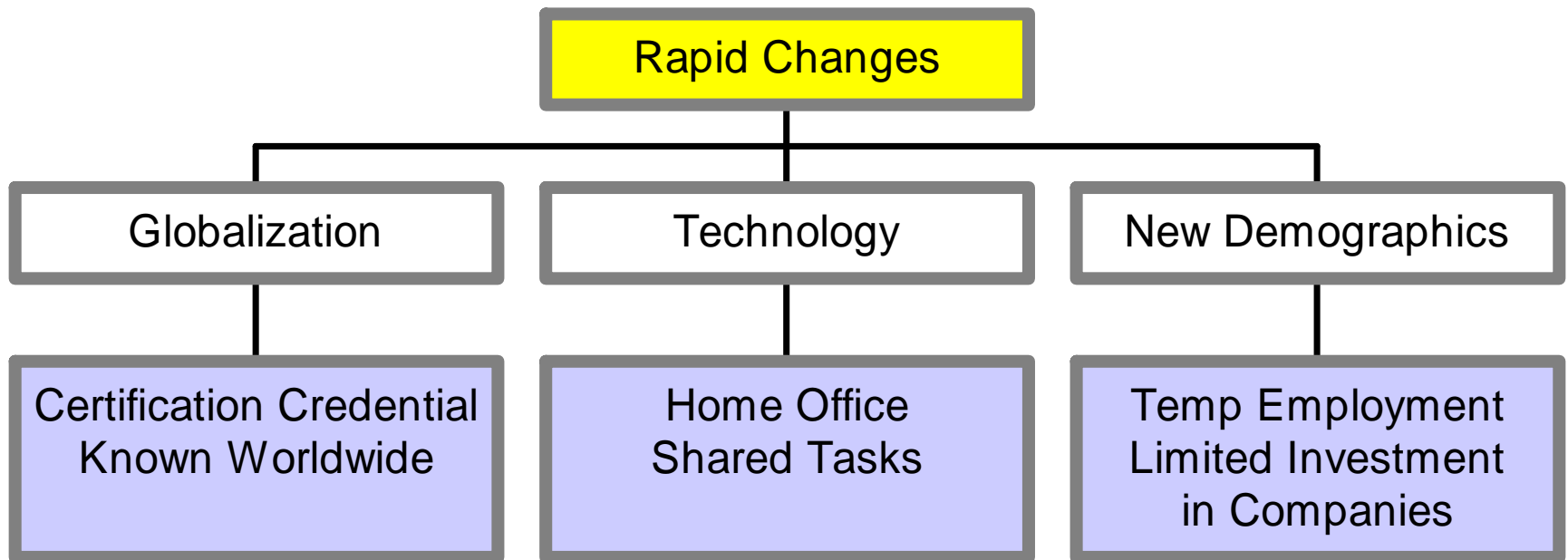
DANTES' Role

- ❑ Provide accurate information to field
- ❑ Ensure validity of agencies
- ❑ Market the program
- ❑ Manage Funded Pilots
- ❑ Prepare SOWs for Contracts
- ❑ Publish Part III--DANTES Examination Program Handbook DEPH
- ❑ Publish the *National Calendar of Certification Programs*



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Workforce of the Future



Memorandum of Understanding

- Approaching 60 certifying and licensing associations
- Microsoft, CompTIA (A+ tests), National Radio and Telecommunications Engineers, who offer FCC tests, American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC), are some of the areas tests are offered.
- A need for Innovation to continue offering tests to military changed DANTES' thinking to work with national testing companies (Prometric, Pearson VUE, New Horizon, etc.)

Current Funded Pilots



- Microsoft Paperless Voucher Program – Contractor, JASZ Technology, Inc., provides the voucher number to military candidates, track progress, and submits reports which are retrievable to us online.
- JASZ Technology, Inc. designed a website for DANTES that includes application and other information for perspective military candidates.
- 2140 Vouchers were available – over 1200 already given to requesting personnel.

Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Funded Pilot

- NARTE was awarded this small purchase order
- Each military member (Active duty or Reserve component) take up to three tests for the fee that DANTES pays

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Contract:

Automotive Services Excellence (ASE)

On-going contract offering up to three tests in May and November of each year.



# Reserve Component Programs

- Army National Guard
  - Air Force Reserve
  - Army Reserve
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- Each Service branch will pay for one certification or licensure tests per career
  - Test results, application, and confirmation of payment are sent in to DANTES for reimbursement to each candidate.

# Federal Aviation Administration – Computer-Based Tests

- Dr. Cobb signed MOA with the FAA in May 2000.
- All hardware and software FAA requirements must be met in order for authorization to give FAA tests.
- Tests are administered at base education centers that meet the FAA's requirements.
- Airframe, Powerplant, and General Aviation Mechanic tests are offered.

# Federal Aviation Administration – Computer-Based Tests (cont.)

- Five Base Education Centers currently are able to administer FAA Airframe and Powerplant tests
  - Sheppard, AFB
  - Tinker, AFB
  - Ft. Eustis (Army)
  - Luke, AFB
  - Mobile, (USCG)

# National Recognition



- DANTES Certification Program Manager chairs the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee (PCLAC).
- Also involved with the Professional Certification Advisory Board – A public sanctioned Committee under the Small Business Veterans Development Corporation
  - PCLAC Committee's charter is to advise the Secretary of DVA on issues surrounding payment to “approved” certification or licensure associations.

# Other Notables

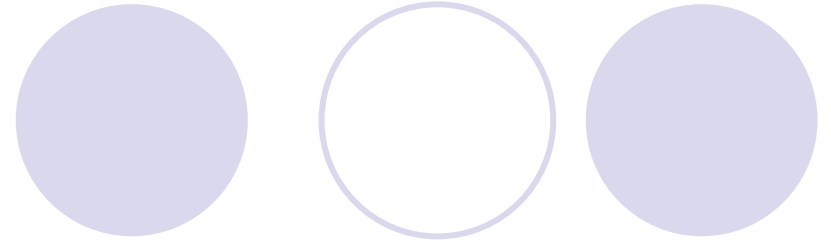
- GI to Jobs Website is the best pages on the Internet for military credentialing. Visit the site at <http://www.cool.army.mil>
- Dept. of Veterans Affairs education benefits website has information on certification or licensure tests that are eligible for payment under the MGIB. Visit <http://www.gibill.va.gov>

# Certification Resources/Materials

- ✦ DEPH, Part III on DANTES web site
- ✦ Calendar of National Certification Tests
- ✦ Brochures
- ✦ Military Matrix for Each Service Branch
- ✦ MCNet
- ✦ Web site: <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>



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